

REMARKS

Applicant is in receipt of the Office Action mailed March 31, 2004. Claims 89, 99, 100, 104, 105, 107-109, 111, 116, 122-131, 133, and 134 have been amended. Claims 98 and 120 have been cancelled. New claims 135 - 185 have been added. Thus, claims 89-97, 99-119, and 121-185 remain pending in the case. Reconsideration of the present case is earnestly requested in light of the following remarks.

Objections

Claim 116 was objected to for an informality, specifically, an antecedent basis error, and has been amended accordingly. Removal of the objection is respectfully requested.

Allowed Subject Matter

Claims 98-105, 107, 108, 120, and 122-130 were objected to as being dependent on a rejected base claim, but the Office Action indicated that these claims would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Applicant appreciates the allowed subject matter, but considers the claims as presented in the previous Response to be allowable. However, to expedite the examination process, Applicant has accepted the allowed matter, but intends to pursue the original claimed matter in a subsequent application. Accordingly, Applicant has amended independent claim 1 to include the limitations of claim 98, and cancelled claim 98. Applicant has also amended independent claim 111 to include the limitations of claim 120, and cancelled claim 120. Claims 99, 100, 104, 105, 107, 108, and 122-130 have been amended to update their respective dependencies accordingly. Additionally, Applicant has amended claims 108, 109, 130, and 131 to correct an antecedent basis error, specifically, Applicant has removed the "one or more" from "customizable component options" in these claims.

Applicant respectfully submits that claims 89-97, 99-119, and 121-132 are allowable as currently written.

Independent claims 133 and 134 have also been amended to include the allowed subject matter, and so Applicant further submits that claims 133 and 134 are also allowable as currently written.

New claims 135-185 have been added based on the allowed subject matter. No new matter has been added, and Applicant believes that these claims are also allowable as currently written.

Section 103 Rejections

Claims 89-97, 106, 109, 110, and 133 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Henson (US 6,167,383, 'Henson') in view of Mitchell et al (US 5,710,727, 'Mitchell') and further in view of Motomiya et al (US 6,083,267, 'Motomiya').

Claims 111-119, 121, 131, 132, and 134 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Henson (US 6,167,383, 'Henson') in view of Motomiya et al (US 6,083,267, 'Motomiya').

Applicant has amended the independent claims based on the allowed subject matter as described above, and respectfully submits that the claims as currently written are allowable. Removal of the 103 rejection of claims 89-97, 106, 109-119, 121, and 131-134 is respectfully requested.

CONCLUSION

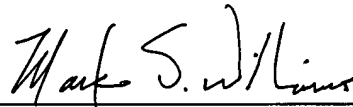
In light of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicant submits the application is now in condition for allowance, and an early notice to that effect is requested.

If any extensions of time (under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136) are necessary to prevent the above referenced application(s) from becoming abandoned, Applicant(s) hereby petition for such extensions. If any fees are due, the Commissioner is authorized to charge said fees to Meyertons, Hood, Kivlin, Kowert & Goetzel PC Deposit Account No. 50-1505/5150-40800/JCH.

Also enclosed herewith are the following items:

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Respectfully submitted,



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